

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 4, so that the claims read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus, comprising:
 - an image bearing body that bears an electrostatic latent image formed thereon;
 - a developing unit that supplies a developer material to said image bearing body to develop the electrostatic latent image into a visible image;
 - a transfer unit that transfers the visible image onto a print medium;
 - a developer-removing blade in contact with said image bearing body to remove a residual amount of the developer material on said image bearing body;
 - wherein the developer material has substantially spherical particles and has a compressibility in the range of 30 to 55, the compressibility ~~in percentage~~ being given by

$$A = \{(D_2 - D_1) / D_1\} \times 100 \quad A = \{(D_1 - D_2) / D_1\} \times 100 \quad (\%)$$

where A is compressibility, D₁ is aerated bulk density, and D₂ is packed bulk density.

2. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said developer-removing blade has a longitudinally extending edge in contact with said image bearing body.

3. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said developer-removing blade has a resilience in the range of 15 to 40% and is in contact with said image bearing body with ~~the~~ a line pressure in the range of 3 to 8 gf/mm.

4. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said developer-removing blade has a ~~resiliency~~ resilience in the range of 20 to 35% and is in contact with said image bearing body with a line pressure in the range of 3 to 8 gf/mm.